



MINUTES
ROCK COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
AND PACE VISION WORKGROUP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT - CONFERENCE ROOM
USDA SERVICE CENTER
440 N US HWY 14, JANESVILLE WI

1. **Call to Order:** Land Conservation Vice Chair Wiedenfeld called the meeting of the Land Conservation Committee and PACE Vision Workgroup to order at 7:00 p.m.

LC Committee Members Present: Richard Bostwick, Larry Wiedenfeld, Eva Arnold, Ron Combs, Dave Innis, Alan Sweeney, Katie Kuznacic and James Quade.

LC Committee Members Absent: Eva Arnold

PACE Vision Workgroup Present: Tom Sweeney, Wade Thompson, Randy Thompson, and Paul Benjamin.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Supervisor Quade moved agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Kuznacic. **Motion Carried.**
3. **Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements:** Supervisor Sweeney spoke on behalf of the PACE Vision Workgroup. Supervisor Sweeney stated that the workgroup met with the President and Vice President of Forward Janesville regarding the PACE Program. Supervisor Sweeney noted the meeting was arranged by Supervisor Kuznacic and was successful in regards to educating a new audience with the PACE program goals and objectives.
4. **Develop and Approve PACE Options to Present to the City of Janesville regarding City of Janesville Resolution #2010-719.** Wade Thompson explained the City of Janesville's request per the referenced resolution; 1) Lands within the Urban Reserve Area should be considered ineligible, excluding any land identified within a Rock County PACE Program Primary Target Acquisition Area, and; 2) City of Janesville will have review and comment authority on any Rock County PACE Program easement acquisition within the City's Urban Reserve Area and the extra-territorial jurisdiction area (any lands within 3 miles of the City's boundary). Also, noted that the lands adjacent to the Avalon Rd and the Interstate exchange are in question.

Wade noted that the lands within the Urban Reserve Area are eligible for the program if they meet the eligibility criteria developed and approved by the Ad Hoc Committee.

In response to the request and directed by the Ad Hoc Committee, Staff has developed options for each issue raised by the City of Janesville.

Option #1

- a) Lands would be ineligible for the program if they are located within 0.75 miles of a large city (population > 20,000) and within 0.5 miles of a small city (population < 20,000).
 - b) Any land adjacent to an existing instate exchange ramp.
- Wade Thompson reviewed advantages and disadvantages for this option, noting that this option is objective and can be replicated.

Supervisor Quade asked if the Urban Reserve Area was date sensitive. Wade Thompson noted that it was noted as such urban reserve area as defined in the comprehensive plan as dated.

Option #2

Identify specific areas in the City of Janesville's urban reserve area that will remain eligible for the program with all other areas within the reserve area designated as ineligible for the program. Wade Thompson reviewed the advantages and disadvantages for this option, noting that this option is subjective and cannot be replicated.

The committee had a lengthy discussion as to both options.

Wade discussed the second issue identified in the City of Janesville's Resolution and noted that this is already accounted for in the proposed application process.

Supervisor Sweeney Motioned to approve option #1 as presented, seconded by Supervisor Bostwick. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

10. **Adjournment:** Tom Sweeney motioned to adjourn the September 15, 2010 meeting of the Land Conservation Committee and PACE Vision Workgroup at 8:13 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Sweeney. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Sweeney
County Conservationist

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